Leicester,
Jan. 10/72

Dear friend Garrison;

I find it quite important, & indeed almost necessary, that I should be in Boston on Monday next, & I have written to a friend there that I would then meet him. I have therefore concluded to go to Boston on Saturday afternoon next (13th). In these circumstances, it becomes quite unnecessary that you should make the journey to Leicester now; and I am, moreover, very unwilling to have you leave home in existing circumstances.

And, indeed, I can truly say that I prefer the arrangement by which I can meet you on Sunday next, at your own house or any other place you may choose, to having you come here on Thursday.

We shall always, and at any time, be glad to see you; but I am well persuaded that this is not the time for you to come, and that we should await the conjunction of more favoring circumstances.

Let it be considered settled, then, that our meeting is to be on Sunday next, if you please; and will you let me find, on Saturday p.m. or eve., a note at 9, Burroughs Place, Boston, saying whether I shall come out to your house on Sunday, or you wd. prefer to come in to B. place? In the latter case I will be ready to see you at & after 9.30 a.m. And if you say your house (which, if convenient to you all, I should prefer) let me know at what hour you will be

ready to see me, A. M. or P. M.

In this case, we shall all consider you to be owing us a visit — fully due, and payable at first favorable opportunity, with interest, i.e. not limited to 24 hours.

Our best regards to Mrs. G.

and believe me

Affly Yrs

S. May.